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1. The Soviet troops that have been stationed in Timisoara and the surrounding area were transferred to the interior of Rumania in September 1953. They were transferred by rail in such a manner as to give the impression that their transfer was permanent. Other such Soviet troop movements have been noted in other Rumanian districts.
2. Two reasons have been given for the movement of Soviet troops:
 - a. to impress the Rumanian population in view of increasing acts of sabotage against Soviet army installations and their unfriendly attitude; and
 - b. the wish of the Soviet Government to create the impression abroad that they are reducing their military forces in the satellite countries as part of the peace offensive.

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